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Dear Ms. Hesse:

I am writing on behalf of NH Homeowners/Main Street Alliance to encourage you to approve the proposed settlement between the United States Department of Justice and Microsoft Corporation.

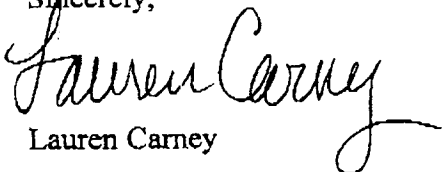
Our organization is a consortium of business organizations in New Hampshire dedicated to helping the economy of our state while also working with local, state and the federal government on issues that affect our membership. New Hampshire is very much a high tech state ranking second per capita in the number of residents working in high tech. The Microsoft case is one, which we have followed closely.

A competitive marketplace producing better products, more choices, and lower prices is in consumers' best interest. It is imperative that competition be encouraged, in order to provide the platform for high quality, innovative products which will inevitably benefit consumers as well as the high tech marketplace. The continuance of this case has only hurt the economy and the many small, medium and even large businesses that have seen their fortunes adversely effected in the last year. It is time to put this case behind us and get the entire high tech industry focused on innovation again and not litigation.

It is evident that the conclusion of this case is in the best interest of consumers, the economy and entire high tech industry.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,


Lauren Carney